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--10. The relay according to Claim 6, wherein the magnet system has a U-shaped core with a core limb lying inside the coil and a yoke limb lying outside the coil, with the cross-section of iron within the core limb being increased by an additional flux member.

Remarks

An English translation of International Application PCT/EP99/07278 is filed herewith. Minor amendments to the literal translation were made to correct usage, phraseology matters and to comply with US practice. It is not believed any new substance has been added.

Amendments have been made to the Specification of the International Application PCT/EP99/07278 to comply with U.S. practice. An abstract is supplied herewith on a separate sheet.

The claims 1-5 contained in International Publication have been deleted. New claims 6-10 have been added that generally correspond to those of the publication, but with the reference numbers removed, multiple dependency removed, the dependency corrected in light of the new claim numbering and to present the subject matter of the claims in a form corresponding to US practice.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance; therefore, reconsideration and allowance are in order and hereby respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes it would be

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helpful to discuss any aspect of this case, please contact Robert J. Kapalka (Registration No. 34198 of Tyco Technology Resources at telephone number (302) 633-2771.

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ABSTRACT

A relay having a base on which is arranged an
5 electromagnetic system that actuates at least one pair of
closing contact springs and at least one pair of opening
contact springs where actuation is effected by a slide
having actuation lugs located at different heights relative
to the fixing of the active spring contacts for actuating
10 the active opening spring contacts at a height different
from that of the active closing spring contacts so that the
characteristic curve of the magnetic system can be better
adjusted to that of the spring contacts.